How to obtain a Letter of Support from DTSC for the U.S. EPA Brownfields Grant Application (Subtitle A)

Applicants for a U.S. EPA Brownfields Grant (Subtitle A) must submit a letter from a State environmental agency as part of their Proposal. This submittal is one of the application's Threshold Criteria. This information provides instructions on how to obtain a support letter from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). If you would like a letter from another State environmental agency, please contact them directly for instructions.

The letters of support should contain detailed information about the project and demonstrate that DTSC understands the applicant's goals and abilities. To obtain such a letter from DTSC, the applicant needs to provide the following information:

- Type(s) of grants and dollar amounts(s) applied for
- Site(s) name, location, and property owner, including a brief history of each site
- Applicant's relationship to DTSC, if any
- Proposed use of Subtitle A funds
- Community Need/Support
- Leveraging of additional resources
- Expected benefits
- Special needs (i.e., request for a property specific determination from U.S. EPA)
- Other considerations (i.e., federally designated Empowerment Zone/Enterprise
- Community, federally designated Renewal Community)

Please note that if in your proposal to EPA for the grant, you are stating that DTSC will be the lead State regulatory agency for your project, you should also request an estimate for our projected oversight costs. This cost estimate can be included in your budget table and budget narrative.

Requests for letters of support must be received by DTSC no later than November 1, 2007. DTSC will make every effort to provide the letters of support to U.S. EPA by the November 14, 2008 deadline. For more information or to submit your request, please contact:

For Sites in the Sacramento Valley, the Sierra Nevada foothills and mountains from Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Mono counties north:

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For Sites in the Greater Los Angeles area, including parts of Santa Barbara County:

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For Sites in San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California:

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